

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Despite cooler temperatures across the State, weekly averages ranged from 4 to 13 degrees above normal. Sub-freezing overnight lows were recorded at several northern locations during the week, the coldest being 23 degrees at Eagle Nest. Daytime highs climbed into the lower 90s in many southern locales; however, several weather stations in more northern areas reported highs only reaching into the mid to upper 70s. Measurable rainfall was spotty during the week. Most areas were dry, while others accumulated only a trace. At 0.26 inch, Gila Hot Spring received the most moisture. While most alfalfa producers were harvesting their fifth or sixth cutting of hay, growers in some northeastern counties were just finishing their third cutting. Reports indicated that a limited number of sorghum acreage was still green in Curry County. Recent rainfall in portions of District 30 boosted soil moisture levels and improved pasture conditions; however, cooler temperatures limited native grass growth. Additionally, some sorghum producers in the area found their yields to be lower than expected. Ranchers were busy weaning calves and hauling cattle to auction, with reports showing an increase in receipts and higher prices. Pecan nut set was reported as 16 percent heavy, 75 percent moderate, and 9 percent light. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent light and 4 percent moderate. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 2 percent moderate. Stock water supplies were reported as 4 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 4 percent surplus. Feed and concentrate supplies were reported as 2 percent short and 98 percent adequate.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	55	45	75	71
Chile				
Red harvested	38	25	29	22
Corn				
Mature	70	57	89	86
Harvested for grain.....	11	1	24	29
Harvested for silage.....	91	89	92	94
Cotton				
Bolls opening	91	83	79	88
Harvested	21	7	4	9
Fall lettuce				
Harvested	2	--	NA	NA
Peanuts				
Harvested	35	28	38	41
Sorghum				
Mature	60	50	42	42
Harvested for grain.....	2	1	3	8
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	71	61	94	95
Emerged	60	44	79	80

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	6.2	7.0	6.5
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	25	35
Short	38	37	27	34
Adequate	46	47	47	31
Surplus	3	3	1	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	9	9	28	NA
Short	32	33	29	NA
Adequate	58	57	41	NA
Surplus	1	1	2	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor	--	--	1	4
Poor.....	2	2	4	8
Fair.....	28	28	39	29
Good	44	43	46	52
Excellent	26	27	10	7
Corn				
Very poor	--	--	2	2
Poor.....	--	--	3	9
Fair.....	12	12	23	37
Good	51	51	42	38
Excellent	37	37	30	14
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	4	3	4	17
Fair.....	25	23	51	34
Good	61	64	29	30
Excellent	10	10	16	15
Fall Lettuce				
Very poor	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	--	--	NA	NA
Good	60	60	NA	NA
Excellent	40	40	NA	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	4	4	8	31
Poor.....	9	8	19	24
Fair.....	33	33	42	26
Good	42	44	25	17
Excellent	12	11	6	2
Peanuts				
Very poor	--	--	3	4
Poor.....	--	--	19	21
Fair.....	72	69	71	56
Good	28	28	7	19
Excellent	--	3	--	--
Pecans				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	13	13	24	18
Good	77	77	60	58
Excellent	10	10	16	23
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	12
Poor.....	1	1	3	16
Fair.....	12	10	34	38
Good	81	84	58	32
Excellent	6	5	5	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	NA	--	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Fair.....	44	NA	100	NA
Good	46	NA	--	NA
Excellent	10	NA	--	NA
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	1	1	1	NA
Poor.....	2	2	8	NA
Fair.....	24	24	46	NA
Good	66	66	40	NA
Excellent	7	7	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	15	15	18	NA
Poor.....	15	15	24	NA
Fair.....	15	15	27	NA
Good	52	52	31	NA
Excellent	3	3	--	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/NM_Weather_10182015.pdf